

In the Claims:

Claim 1, line 1, before "sulfated" please insert -- synthetic --.

In claims 8, 9, 10, lines 1-2, respectively, please delete "any preceding claim" and substitute -- claim 1 --.

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14. (Amended) [Use of sulfated polysaccharide according to any of claims 1 to 12 for the preparation of a composition for the] A method of treatment of medical conditions mediated by a matrix metalloproteinase wherein the treatment comprises applying to a wound the composition of claim 1.

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15. (Amended) [Use] The method according to claim 14, wherein the medical condition is a chronic wound.

16. (Amended) [Use of a sulfated polysaccharide according to any of claims 1 to 12 for the preparation of a pharmaceutical composition] A method for the prevention or reduction of blood coagulation wherein the prevention or reduction of blood coagulation comprises topical or systemic administration of a pharmaceutical composition according to claim 1.